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SUBJECT: BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION: BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOG)
MEETING, FEB. 22-23, 1978, JERUSALEM

1. SUBJECT MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY TWO DAYS OF
VISITS BY GOB TO ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS, ARRANGED BY BSF.
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (DR. AVERCH AND MR. SHIRAN) WILL
MEET FEB. 20 FOR AN ESTIMATED HALF DAY. EXTENSIVE BASIC
DOCUMENTATION AND BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE MEETING WERE
POUCHED TO BOARD MEMBERS ON JAN. 10.

2. DRAFT AGENDA OF MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA.
- (2) CHANGES IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP. COMMENT: APPOINTMENT
OF A FIFTH U.S. MEMBER IS PENDING.
- (3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 1977 MEETINGS.
- (4) AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1977. COMMENT:
THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY AND
MAILED TO BOG MEMBERS PRIOR TO FEB. 20 MEETING.
- (5) PROGRESS REPORT.
- (6) RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FOUNDATION FUNDS.
COMMENT: ADOPTING LAST YEAR'S STANDARD OF MAKING
GRANTS ONLY TO THOSE APPLICATIONS WHICH SCORED 90

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OR BETTER WILL RESULTS IN 78 NEW PROPOSALS BEING
FUNDED AT A COST OF 15.1 MILLION ISRAELI POUNDS.
(7) APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR 1977 APPLICATIONS.
(8) APPROVAL OF 1978 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ANNUAL BUDGETS.
COMMENT: BSF SALARIES ARE LINKED TO ISRAELI PUBLIC
SECTOR RATES. HOWEVER, BSF DIRECTOR ROTEM HAS LEARNED
THAT SALARIES FOR THE STAFF OF THE NEWLY FORMED U.S.-

ISRAEL BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D FOUNDATION ARE LINKED TO RATES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER. SCIATT ANTICIPATES THAT ROTEM WILL SEEK ADJUSTMENT OF BSF SALARIES TO A LEVEL COMPARABLE WITH THOSE OF BIRDF.

(9) PROPOSAL ON FUTURE POLICY FOR ALLOCATION OF RESEARCH GRANTS: COMMENT: THIS ITEM WILL PROBABLY GENERATE MORE DISCUSSIONS THAN ANY OTHER. IN SCIATT'S VIEW, VA'ADIA AND RONKIN HAVE MADE A GOOD EFFORT TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF DISTRIBUTION OF BSF FUNDS AMONG VARIOUS MAJOR DISCIPLINES. HOWEVER, PRACTICAL EFFECT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF EITHER "STANDARD SCORES" OR "TARGETED RESEARCH AREAS" SEEMS TO BE MINIMAL AND IN ANY CASE, INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK WHICH THESE APPROACHES WOULD REQUIRE.

(10) PATENT POLICY. COMMENT:

GOI COMMENTS ON U.S.

DRAFT OF SEPT. 30 (MCLEOD L/OES) ARE CONTAINED IN BACKGROUND MATERIAL POUCHED JAN 10.

(11) ELECTION OF 1978 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES. COMMENT:

NEW ISRAELI BOG CHAIRMAN AND U.S. VICE CHAIRMAN MUST BE ELECTED, AS WELL AS TWO U.S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ONE U.S. MEMBER FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(12) OTHER BUSINESS.

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